

What is the difference between decentralized and distributed microgrid control?

The decentralized control is mainly applied in primary control, and distributed control is widely discussed in islanded microgrids. By leveraging different controller design strategies, the distributed and decentralized microgrid control can guarantee one or multiple control performances, however, along with noticeable weaknesses.

Why is a decentralized Microgrid Controller architecture important?

Using multiple sources with differing characteristics and native constraints makes it a challenge to control the microgrid. Compared to the traditional central controller approach, a decentralized microgrid controller architecture has benefits including resiliency to asset and communication failures, which are experimentally verified in the paper.

Is there a decentralized controller for an island microgrid?

A decentralized controller for an island microgrid is presented in Tucci et al. (2016). This controller has a general connection topology and uses the PLUG method which has offline control. To improve microgrid stability, there is a decentralized coordination control method in Cai et al. (2017) that uses V-I droop for PV cooperation in MGs.

Can centralized hierarchical control be applied to a microgrid?

Nevertheless, simply applying the centralized hierarchical control strategies, traditionally used for utility electricity grids, onto the islanded microgrids would encounter several critical issues.

Should centralized control methods be integrated into microgrids?

Furthermore, centralized control methods would face issues of scalability. Integrating a deeper penetration of DERs into microgrid will not only increase the communication burden of MGCC, but also raise the complexity of centralized optimization, impacting the convergence rate of the coordination process.

What is a 'multi-agent system' in a microgrid?

Hierarchical control architectures that manage power within a microgrid and mediate exchanges with the main grid have been deployed using a "multi-agent system" approach in two European microgrids, one in the Greek island of Kythnos and another in the German 'Am Steinweg' project.

In this article, the common approaches for decentralized and distributed control are reviewed, and the current design trends and critical technical challenges are discussed to offer a comprehensive understanding of decentralized and distributed controlled microgrids.

The centralized grid also contains large, complex components that are expensive and slow to replace if damaged. Microgrids, through their decentralized architecture, are less ...

This paper proposes a goal function-based, decentralized control that addresses the mentioned problems and secures the microgrid stability by constraining the frequency and node deviations across the grid while simultaneously supporting the desired active power exchange between prosumer nodes.

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Focusing on the decentralized control structure of microgrids, which is also a very widely used structure, this article has provided an overview of the proposed control methods based on this structure.

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In this paper, we present a novel optimal control algorithm that leverages constructs from machine learning to decouple interactions between various actuating power components in the microgrid. This allows every actuating entity to make control decisions based only on local measurements.

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